

Medication guidance

You have been given this information as your child has been started on medication. Below are some questions you may have around how your child or young person will get their medication. We hope you find this information useful.

- **Where do I get my next prescription from?**

Your medication will be provided by the Child Development Centre until it has been stable for 3 months. This is to make sure the medication type and or dosage is right for your child or young person.

- **How do I get second prescription?**

You need to call the child development centre on 03002470122 option 3, then option 1 when you have 7 to 14 days of medication left. The admin team will pass on your request to the doctor to repeat the prescription. You can update the team on any side effects at this point. This information will be shared with your doctor. The doctor will then arrange another prescription and a barcode will be sent to you by text. This can be collected from any pharmacy.

- **What happens after this?**

Once the medication is stabilised, we will start a Shared Care Agreement with your GP. This will be created by your paediatrician and sent to you to sign.

You need to sign this and take this to your GP, who will then be providing your prescriptions. Any delay in doing this may result in a delay in your child or young person getting their medication.

- **What if my medication type or dosage is changed?**

The shared care agreement covers dosage and brand changes of the medication. This means the GP will continue to prescribe your medication.

- **My child has been prescribed Melatonin.**

Locally approved formulations of Melatonin will be prescribed. If a non-approved formulation has been recommended or started elsewhere this will be changed to a formulation that can be continued by your GP.

- **My local pharmacy does not have my medication in stock.**

There have been some instances where pharmacies are struggling to get certain types of medication, we always advise calling around a few local pharmacies to see if they have any before contacting us to change your brand. Local smaller independent pharmacies often have more stock.

- **My child can't swallow tablets/capsules.**

Our aim is to prescribe tablets/capsules for your child wherever possible. To get to the right dose for your child there may initially be liquid medication prescribed. Support is available to help your child or young person safely and confidently swallow solid dose forms where appropriate.